

Economy and Labor



Quick Facts Comparison Marion and Polk County

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<http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/labforce>

Marion County

	2000	2007
Population	284,834	311,070
Labor Force	139,771	153,318
Total Residents Employed	136,579	144,946
Total Residents Unemployed	7,998	8,372
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.5%
Average All-industry Wage (2007 dollars)	\$32,899	\$34,608
Number of Businesses (with employees)	7,657	9,408
Estimate of Self-Employed Persons	14,391 (2002)	15,763 (2006)
Median Household Income (2007 dollars)	\$47,167	\$45,490
Median Family Income (2007 dollars)	\$54,056	\$54,096
Percent Hispanic Residents	17.1	21.2
Percent HS Grad or higher (Over age 25)	79.3	81.1
Percent Bachelor's or higher (Over age 25)	19.8	20.8
Percent Owner Occupied Housing	62.9	63.1
Residential Construction Building Permits (MSA)	-	1,791

Polk County

	2000	2007
Population	64,950	67,505
Labor Force	33,174	37,892
Total Residents Employed	31,581	35,976
Total Residents Unemployed	1,593	1,916
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	5.1%
Average All Industry Wage in 2007 dollars	26,574	\$29,239
Number of Businesses (with employees)	1,363	1,601
Estimate of Self-Employed Persons	3,343 (2002)	4,074 (2006)
Median Household Income (2007 dollars)	\$47,167	\$46,953
Median Family Income (2007 dollars)	\$59,065	\$57,119
Percent Hispanic Residents	8.8%	10.8%
Percent HS Graduate or higher (those over 25)	85.5	88.2%
Percent Bachelor's or higher (those over 25)	25.3	27.5%
Percent Owner Occupied Housing	68.4	71.3%
Residential Construction Building Permits (MSA)	-	-

Sources: Portland State University Population Research, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Oregon Employment Department, US Dept. of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis.